



CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

AGENDA

REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Molly A & B Rooms, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Thank you for all of your hard work assisting the Executive Committee.
- Introductions by all in attendance including persons via telephone.
- Attendance list submitted and signatures requested.
- Quorum finding is made by Tom Pye.
- Chair welcomes all new members & gives overview of our Executive Committee:
 - Best class since Chair has been involved with this Committee (2002)
 - Thanks for applying & volunteering your valuable time
 - Geographic diversity
 - Practice diversity
 - Collegiality & friendships
 - Member term is three years
 - This is a working Committee & meetings are mandatory
 - Advisers serve at the pleasure of the Chair
 - Officer positions explained

- Elevation to Officer track based on Committee work
- Tell Chair if you desire to get on the Officer track
- Core Member Benefits: Journal, Training, E-Bulletin
- Retreat & Subcommittee Assignments
- Tom to explain how Expense Reports to be submitted

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

- a. June 6, 2009 Burbank Skyroom Minutes discussed & approved.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. E-Bulletin started in fall of 2007 at request of Immediate Past Chair, Geoff Lauter. Summer 2008 membership survey revealed that E-Bulletin was highly valued by our CLS members. Judge Benny Osorio took over management of E-Bulletin in the fall of 2008 at Chair Begovich's request. Thanks, Your Honor.
- b. E-Bulletin was forwarded to OAC Panel attorneys in San Diego from February – August of 2009 and has been well-received. Per June 6, 2009 Exec Com meeting, free E-Bulletin stopped to San Diego OAC Panel attorneys last month.
- c. SF Public Defender summer interns received E-Bulletin for free only for this summer—as an incentive for them to join our Section.
- d. Michael Chamberlain Report on New Executive Committee Orientation-Council of State Bar Sections Meeting (San Francisco, August, 2009).
- e. Michael Begovich Report on Council of State Bar Sections Meeting (San Diego, September 10, 2009)
- f. Annual Meeting at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Controversy
 - 1. Chair's Overview
 - ✓ Financial issues concerning breach of contract
 - ✓ Legal issues facing the State Bar
 - ✓ Board of Governors decision

- ✓ Criminal Law Section’s mandate from Board of Governors
- 2. Tom Pye’s Analysis & Comments
- 3. Committee discussion/questions

4. PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL RETREAT (MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN)

- Update on November, 2009 Annual Retreat in San Francisco
- Discussion of top priorities for Executive Committee during Michael Chamberlain’s year as Chair.
 - Top priorities/objectives
 - Subcommittee assignments
 - Subcommittee work to be completed before Retreat
 - Discussion of Retreat objectives & agenda

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. TREASURER’S REPORT—*TOM PYE*

b. EDUCATION

- i. ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2009, IN SAN DIEGO—LEI-CHALA WILSON
- ii. SEI, JANUARY, 2010, IN LONG BEACH—LEI-CHALA WILSON
- iii. WEBINAR—R. CHEW

c. E-BULLETIN—

- *WENDY PATRICK*—Thanks to Wendy for a series of articles re ethics of trial publicity.
- *GARY MANDINACH*—New sentencing memorandum attached to the E-Bulletin that is first-rate.
- *BENNY OSORIO*—Judge Osorio continues to solicit 500-750 word “practice pointer” articles.

d. CRIMINAL LAW JOURNAL—MIKE CHAMBERLAIN/STEVE KATZ

- Discussion of recent and future editions
- Plans for the future

e. FEDERAL COURTS—JULIA JAYNE

f. NETWORKING/MEMBERSHIP/MARKETING—B. BOURNE & R. CHEW

- Promotional Essay: “Why You Should Join The Criminal Law Section.” This can become a template inserted into every E-Bulletin and Criminal Law Journal so we get free advertising when an existing CLS member gives her Journal and/or E-Bulletin to another lawyer.
- Future Membership & Marketing Planning:
 - Promotional template to be sent to all student criminal law organizations at California law schools via an E-Blast promoting the free annual membership in the Criminal Law Section, once a law student passes the California Bar Examination.
 - Promotional template is part of every Criminal Law Section-sponsored MCLE program handout, and each speaker should briefly “pitch” membership during his/her introductory remarks for each program.
 - Promotional template included in every Criminal Law Section Stand-Alone, Webinar, and/or other MCLE training event.
 - Get list from Pam Wilson so we can contact newly admitted Bar members to let them know that they can join the CLS for free—for one year.
 - Members & Advisers to communicate with Presidents of Criminal Law student organizations at local law schools and periodically appear at networking events and/or provide-organize MCLE training at the law schools.
 - CLS members & advisers who are willing to send e-mails, contact alumni at their law schools, speak at law schools, etc.

g. NEW BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE—Eric Isaac

- Thanks to George Bird for organizing this subcommittee. Deadline of nominees for Exec Com membership was achieved this year—for the first time since this Chair has been involved with the CLS Executive Committee—as a result of planning. We

started the Bird Committee, finalized the “plan” at the November 2008 Retreat, executed the plan by soliciting target members, and the plan was successfully implemented at our March, 2009 meeting.

- Thanks to Eric Isaac for taking over from George Bird effective June 6, 2009.
- Eric Isaac’s report re his contact with large State Bar Committees re:
 - Methods-strategies employed to get new members;
 - How they target existing Executive Committee members for selection to the officer track;
 - Procedure to fill future vacancies on the Executive Committee; and
 - Other steps-suggestions that can be utilized by the CLS Executive Committee to increase overall membership.
- Discussion of recruiting potential new members based on needs of the Executive Committee for 2010, and Eric to prepare a spreadsheet-chart like George Bird did, and have same available at the Annual Retreat in November, 2009.

h. CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES—*JAMES MCWILLIAMS*

i. LEGISLATION—*ALAN YOCHELSON/JULIA JAYNE*

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Presentation of awards to outgoing members.
- Chair thanks all Members & Advisers for their support and hard work, and a special “Thank You” to Tom Pye for his tireless work serving our CLS Executive Committee.

2008-2009 SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS & ADVISERS

- **Education—LEI-CHALA WILSON**, TERESA CAFFESE, ROBYN CHEW, GREG PARASKOU, PETER FLORES, LARRY FORBES, JAMES LAMBE, JUDGE MAVIS, JUDGE DOWNING, JUDGE PENNYPACKER, MICHAEL BEGOVICH
- **E-Bulletin--BENNY OSORIO**, TERESA CAFFESE, ERIC ISAAC, MICHAEL BEGOVICH
- **Criminal Law Journal—MIKE CHAMBERLAIN/STEVE KATZ**, JUDGE DOWNING
- **Legislation--ALAN YOCHELSON**/JULIA JAYNE, BEVERLY BOURNE, JAMES LAMBE
- **Federal Courts—JULIA JAYNE**, JAMES P. VAUGHNS
- **Networking/Membership/Marketing—DARRELMAVIS/ROBYN CHEW**, MARSHALL SCHULMAN, PETER FLORES
- **New Board Development Committee—ERIC ISAAC**, LARRY FORBES, DIANE de SEVE, TAMARA HALL, MICHAEL BEGOVICH
- **Conference of Delegates—JAMES MCWILLIAMS**, MARSHALL SCHULMAN, JAMES LAMBE

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